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Dear Sirs

Rule 12g3-2 Exemptions for American Depository Receipts ("ADR") Neptune Orient Lines Limited File No. 82-2605

NOL has today made an announcement in relation to the NOL Group Unaudited Quarterly Financial Statements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ended 29 June 2007. Attached is a copy of the announcement for your attention, please.

Yours faithfully

Marjorie Wee (Ms) Company Secretary PROCESSED

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Second Quarter * Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement	
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NEPTUNE ORIENT LINES LIMITED (Reg. No. 196800632D) Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information For the 2nd Quarter Ended 29 June 2007

# 1.(a)(i) Consolidated Income Statement

	Group			Group		
	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	% Increase/	Q2 2007	Q2 2006	% Increase/
	US\$1000	US\$'000	(Decrease)	US\$'000	US\$.000	(Decrease)
Revenue	3,707,135	3,519,618	5	1,809,950	1,636,767	11
Cost of sales	(3,210,077)	(2,941,505)	9	(1,537,084)	(1,379,489)	11
Gross profit	497,058	578,113	(14)	272,866	257,278	6
Other gains (net)						
- Miscellaneous	20,528	10,902	88	11,283	5,140	120
- Finance and investment Income	16,143	18,259	(12)	6,603	4,817	37
Expenses			, ,			
- Administrative	(335,172)	(344,532)	(3)	(168,833)	(166,013)	2
- Finance	(25,295)	(27,065)	(7)	(11,749)	(12,587)	(7)
- Other operating	(18,799)	(23,178)	(19)	(7,806)	(10,676)	(27)
Share of results of associated companies	1,298	2,126	(39)	607	609	(0)
Share of results of joint ventures	2,897	567	411	1,645	1,022	61
Profit before income tax	158,658	215,192	(26)	104,616	79,590	31
Income tax expense	(18,619)	(24,611)	(24)	(9,685)	(10,758)	(10)
Net profit for the financial period	140,039	190,581	(27)	94,931	68,832	38
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	135,762	186,963	(27)	93,042	67,453	38
Minority interest	4,277	3,618	18	1,889	1,379	37
•	140,039	190,581	(27)	94,931	68,832	38

# 1.(a)(ii) Notes to the Consolidated Income Statement

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Group					
-	YTO 2007 US\$'000	YTD 2006 US\$'000	% Increase/ (Decrease)	Q2 2007 US\$'000	Group Q2 2006 US\$'000	% Increase/ (Decrease)
(A) Investment Income	22	-	N/M	22	•	N/M
(B) Other Income Including Interest Income	21,759	18,879	15	10,316	6,246	65
(C) interest on Borrowings	(21,711)	(21,310)	2	(9,781)	(9,900)	(1)
(D) Depreciation and Amortisation	(123,102)	(121,435)	1	(57,912)	(56,495)	3
(E) Allowance for Doubtful Debts and Bad Debts Written Off	(6,760)	(6,463)	5	(1,815)	(2,982)	(39)
(F) Foreign Exchange Gain	5,008	7,918	(37)	3,041	1,495	103
(G) Adjustment for (Under)/Over Provision for Tax in Prior Years	(61)	(870)	(93)	186	(429)	N/M
(H) Profit on Sale of Investments and Property, Plant and Equipment	11,977	4,116	191	6,288	2,685	134

1.(b)(ii)	Borrowings
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The Group As at 29 June 2007	Secured bank toans	Unsecured bank loans	Secured finance lease liabilities	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$,000	US\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand Amount repayable on or before 29 June :	6,444	66,690	92	73,226
2009	6,891		42	6,933
2010	7,269	-	6	7,275
2011	7,637	-	•	7,637
2012	8,020	•	•	8,020
Thereafter	54,296	443,408	•	497,704
	90,557	510,098	140	600,795

As at 29 December 2006	Secured bank loans	Unsecured bank loans	Secured finance lease liabilities	Total
	US\$'000	US\$1000	US\$'000	US\$,000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand Amount repayable in :	5,980	135,468	235	141,683
2008	6,651	•	50	6,701
2009	7,051	-	10	7,061
2010	7,410		10	7,420
2011	7,787	-	•	7,787
Thereafter	58,317	443,126	•	501,443
	93,196	578,594	305	672,095

The loans are secured mainly on vessels and the finance lease liabilities are secured mainly on equipment and motor vehicles.

# 1.(b)(lii) Operating Lease Commitments

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases of the Group are as follows:

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As at 29 June 2007	Vessels	Containers	Terminals	Chassis	Others	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Amount repayable for the remainder of 2007	282,293	17,443	44,032	14,405	34,302	392,475
Amount repayable in :						
2008	560,120	20,114	78,691	28,545	59,675	747,145
2009	508,368	12,015	70,874	14,948	48,033	654,238
2010	439,953	509	69,528	9,718	29,211	548,919
2011	418,666	•	69,937	8,659	21,225	518,497
Thereafter	1,670,635	•	877,747	28,000	51,503	2,627,885
	3,880,035	50,081	1,210,809	104,285	243,949	5,489,159

As at 29 December 2006	Vessels	Containers	Terminals	Chassis	Others	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less	485,977	37,194	76,823	31,105	62,029	693,128
Amount repayable in :						
2008	513,070	20,230	73,858	28,640	49,031	684,829
2009	487,785	12,084	69,960	14,987	40,275	625,091
2010	435,846	512	69,587	9,737	25,618	541,300
2011	418,666		69,893	8,684	18,827	516,070
Thereafter	1,655,514		880,948	28,052	44,378	2,608,892
	3,996,858	70,020	1,241,069	121,205	240,158	5,669,310

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# <sup>1</sup> Summary of Effect of Disposal of Subsidiaries on the Group's Cash Flows

	Group					
	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	Q2 2007	Q2 2006		
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Net assets disposed :						
Other non-current assets	8,425	354	585	340		
Current assets	11,951	979	197	618		
Current liabilities	(3,261)	(26)	(46)	(26)		
Non-current liabilities	(169)			•		
Net attributable assets disposed	16,946	1,307	736	932		
Less : Minority Interest	3,669	(36)	-	-		
Add : Foreign currency translation reserve	(1,096)	(441)	(32)	(11)		
•	19,519	830	704	921		
Net profit on disposal of subsidiaries	•	2,135	-	1,720		
Net proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries	19,519	2,965	704	2,641		
Less : Cash of subsidiaries disposed	(6,325)	(947)	(188)	(600)		
Net cash inflow (net of transaction costs) from disposal of subsidiaries,		•				
net of cash disposed	13,194	2,018	516	2,041		

# 1.(d)(i) Statement of Changes in Equity

	Capital and		table to equity ho pany	lders of the		
GROUP	Share capital	Shares held by employee benefit trust	Retained earnings	Other	Minority Interest	Total equity
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$,000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at 30 December 2008	822,066	(2,482)	1,280,755	8,378	33,378	2,142,095
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	-	12,		8,134	-	B,134
Fair value losses on cash flow hedges						, i
transferred to the income statement	-	•	•	17,314	-	17,314
Fair value loss on available-for-sale financial						
asset Tax on fair value gains and losses	•	-	•	(39) (378)	•	(39)
Currency translation differences		•	•	(680)	18	(378) (662)
Net gains recognised directly in equity	•	<del></del>		24,351	18	24,369
Net profit for the financial period		-	42,720	-	2,388	45,108
Total gains recognised for the financial period	•	•	42,720	24,351	2,406	69,477
Dividends to minority interest	-	•	•	•	(826)	(826)
Disposal of a subsidiary	•	•	•	•	3,669	3,569
Employee equity compensation schemes: - value of employee services				2 482		0.403
- proceeds from shares Issued	6,279	-	•	2,403 (2,645)	•	2,403 3,634
Sale of shares by employee benefit trust	-	310	•	(2,043)		310
Balance at 6 April 2007	828,345	(2,172)	1,323,475	32,487	38,627	2,220,762
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges				4,575	<del>-</del>	4,575
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges				4,0.0		4,0.0
transferred to the income statement		•	•	(3,306)	-	(3,306)
Fair value loss on available-for-sale financial						
asset	-	•	•	(23)	•	(23)
Tax on fair value gains and losses Currency translation differences	-	•	•	76 (250)	-	76 247
Net gains recognised directly in equity	<u> </u>		<del></del>	1,072	497 497	1,569
Net profit for the financial period	•	•	93,042	1,072	1,889	94,931
Total gains recognised for the financial period	-		93,042	1,072	2,386	96,500
Dividends to equity holders	•	-	(38,671)	•	-	(38,671)
Dividends to minority interest	•	•	•	•	(71)	(71)
Acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary	•	•	•	•	(14)	(14)
Employee equity compensation schemes:  - value of employee services	_		_	2,854		2,854
- proceeds from shares issued	8,143	-	-	4,00=	•	2,054 8,143
Sale of shares by employee benefit trust	-	1,239	-	-	•	1,239
Balance at 29 June 2007	836,488	(933)	1,377,846	36,413	40,928	2,290,742

Capital and reserves attributable to	equity holders	of the Company
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	Capital and	10301763 8101	DECEDIE 10 Equity	HOIGHTS OF DIE CI	Jinpany		
			Shares held				
		Share	by employee	Retained	Other	Minority	
GROUP	Share capital	premium	benefit trust	earnings	reserves	interest	Total equity
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at 31 December 2005	814,447	556,586	(1,399)	1,222,706	12,733	20,835	2,625,908
Employee equity compensation schemes:	• •				•	•	• •
- proceeds from shares issued	913	2,768		_	(1,794)	-	1,877
Capital distribution to equity holders		(555,814)		(268,942)			(824,756)
Balance before transfer of share premium reserve				<u> </u>			
to share capital	815,360	3,530	(1,399)	953,764	10,939	20.835	1,803,029
Transfer of share premium reserve to share capital	****	-,	(.,,,,,	****	,		.,,
upon implementation of Companies (Amendment)							
Act 2005 <sup>2</sup>	3,530	(3,530)	_	_			
Balance after transfer of share premium reserve	- 0,000	(0,000)					
to share capital	818,890	_	(1,399)	953,764	10,939	20,835	1,803,029
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	010,030		(1,000)	200,104	39,779	10,000	39,779
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	1	•	_	•	00,,,,	-	******
transferred to the income statement	_	_	_	_	(16,269)	_	(16,269)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond	_	_	_	-	(11,980)	_	(11,980)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond			•		(,000)		(,,,,,,,,,
transferred to the income statement	_	_	_	_	11,980	_	11,980
Fair value gain on available-for-sale financial	_	,	_	_	11,500	_	,
asset	_	_	_	_	69		69
Currency translation differences	_		-	_	1,682	(115)	1,567
Net gains/(losses) recognised directly in equity				<del></del>	25,261	(115)	25,146
Net profit for the financial period	_	_	-	119,510	20,20	2,239	121,749
Total gains recognised for the financial period	<del></del>		<del></del>	119,510	25,261	2,124	146,895
Capital contribution by minority interest	•	•	•	119,510	20,201	5,484	5,484
	•	•	•	-	•	-	-
Disposal of subsidiaries	•	•	•	•	•	(36)	(36)
Employee equity compensation schemes:					4.004		4.554
- value of employee services		•	-	-	1,001	•	1,001
- proceeds from shares issued	2,555	•		-	(1,021)	•	1,534
Purchase of shares by employee benefit trust	-	•	(332)	•	•	•	(332)
Balance at 7 April 2006	821,445	•	(1,731)	1,073,274	36,180	28,407	1,957,575
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges		•	•		8,830	-	8,830
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges							
transferred to the income statement	-	-	•	-	(11,013)	•	(11,013)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond	-	-	•	-	(6,247)	•	(6,247)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond	1					•	
transferred to the income statement		-	•	-	6,247	-	6,247
Fair value loss on available-for-sale financial							
asset	•	•	•	-	(4)	-	(4)
Currency translation differences	<u> </u>	-	-	-	457	(15)	442
Net losses recognised directly in equity	•	-	-	•	(1,730)	(15)	(1,745)
Net profit for the financial period		-	•	67,453	•	1,379	68,832
Total gains/(losses) recognised for the financial period	-	-	-	67,453	(1,730)	1,354	67,087
Dividends to minority interest	•	•	•	-	-	(588)	(588)
Capital contribution by minority interest	•	-	•	-	-	43	43
Employee equity compensation schemes:							
- value of employee services	•	-	•	-	2,759	•	2,759
- proceeds from shares issued	621	-	-	•	(244)	•	377
Purchase of shares by employee benefit trust	•	•	(253)	•	•	•	(253)
Balance at 30 June 2006	822,068	-	(1,984)	1,140,727	36,965	29,226	2,027,000
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> With the implementation of the Companies (Amendment) Act 2005 on 30 January 2006, the concept of authorised share capital is abolished and the shares of the Company have no par value. Consequently, the balance in share premium within equity as at 30 January 2006 had been reclassified to the Company's share capital.

		Retained	Other		
COMPANY	Share capital	eamings	reserves	Total equity	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$1000	
Balance at 30 December 2006	822,066	852,015	21,423	1,695,504	
Net profit for the financial period	,	3,863	•	3,863	
Employee equity compensation schemes:					
- value of employee services	-	-	2,403	2,403	
- proceeds from shares issued	6,279	•	(2,645)	3,634	
Balance at 6 April 2007	828,345	855,878	21,181	1,705,404	
Net profit for the financial period		100,587		100,587	
Dividends to equity holders	•	(38,671)	-	(38,671)	
Employee equity compensation schemes:					
- value of employee services - proceeds from shares issued	8,143	•	2,854	2,854 8,143	
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Balance at 29 June 2007	836,488	917,794	24,035	1,778,317	
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COMPANY	Share capital US\$'000	premium US\$'000	earnings	reserves	Total equity US\$'000
	022,000	022,000	US\$'000	US\$'000	02\$ 000
Balance at 31 December 2005	814,447	556,586	1,020,722	22,327	2,414,082
Employee equity compensation schemes:					
- proceeds from shares issued	913	2,758	-	(1,794)	1,877
Capital distribution to equity holders		(555,814)	(268,942)		(824,756)
Balance before transfer of share premium reserve					
to share capital	815,360	3,530	751,780	20,533	1,591,203
Transfer of share premium reserve to share capital upon implementation of Companies (Amendment)					
Act 2005 3	3,530	(3,530)		•	
Balance after transfer of share premium reserve	848 888		754 700	20 511	1,591,203
to share capital Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	818,890	<u> </u>	751,780	20,533 11,213	11,213
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	1	•	•	11,210	
transferred to the income statement				(11,999)	(11,999)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond				(11,980)	(11,980)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond	İ				
transferred to the income statement		•	-	11,980	11,980
Net losses recognised directly in equity	-	•	•	(786)	(786)
Net profit for the financial period		•	135,222		135,222
Total gains/(losses) recognised for the financial period Employee equity compensation schemes:	-	•	135,222	(786)	134,436
- value of employee services			-	1,001	1,001
- proceeds from shares issued	2,555	•	•	(1,021)	1,534
Balance at 7 April 2006	821,445		887,002	19,727	1,728,174
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	•	•	-	6,352	6,352
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges					
transferred to the income statement	-	-	-	(4,728)	(4,728)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond	-	-	•	(6,247)	(6,247)
Fair value loss on currency risk of bond	ì				
transferred to the income statement		•	•	6,247	6,247
Net gains recognised directly in equity	•	-	(4 448)	1,624	1,624
Net loss for the financial period		•	(4,118)	1,624	(2,494)
Total (losses)/gains recognised for the financial period Employee equity compensation schemes:	•	•	(4,118)	1,024	(2,494)
- value of employee services	-	-	-	2,759	2,759
- proceeds from shares issued	621	-	-	(244)	377
Balance at 30 June 2005	822,066	-	882,884	23,866	1,728,816

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> With the implementation of the Companies (Amendment) Act 2005 on 30 January 2006, the concept of authorised share capital is abolished and the shares of the Company have no par value. Consequently, the balance in share premium within equity as at 30 January 2006 had been reclassified to the Company's share capital.

1.(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the Company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the previous period of the immediately preceding financial year.

### Issued and paid up capital

As at 29 June 2007, the Company's issued and paid-up capital comprised 1,466,900,219 (29 December 2006: 1,456,480,540) ordinary shares.

### Share options

As at 29 December 2006, there were 34,344,000 outstanding options to subscribe for unissued ordinary shares exercisable at any time during the exercise periods under the NOL Share Option Plan ("NOL SOP").

During the 6 months ended 29 June 2007, 8,625,805 share options were exercised to take up unissued shares of the Company at the subscription price of between S\$2.06 and S\$2.20 per share and 1,154,669 options were cancelled.

As at 29 June 2007, there were 79,333 (29 December 2006; nil) options exercised but for which shares have yet to be allotted.

In addition, the Company granted 7,261,000 new options to subscribe for unissued ordinary shares exercisable at any time during the exercise periods under the NOL SOP.

As at 29 June 2007, options to subscribe for 31,824,526 ordinary shares remain outstanding under the NOL SOP.

### Performance shares

As at 29 December 2006, there were 5,001,115 outstanding performance shares under the NOL Performance Share Plan ("PSP").

During the 6 months ended 29 June 2007, 1,873,207 performance shares were vested on 2 January 2007 and 134,667 were cancelled.

In addition, the Company awarded 1,858,000 new performance shares under the PSP.

As at 29 June 2007, 4,851,241 performance shares remain outstanding under the PSP.

### 2. Basis of Preparation

The preparation of the second quarter 2007 interfm financial information in conformity with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Neptune Orient Lines Limited Group's accounting policies. It also requires the use of accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as at 29 June 2007 and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the financial period from 30 December 2006 to 29 June 2007. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

### 3. Negative Assurance Confirmation by the Board Pursuant to Rule 705 (4) of the Listing Manual

On behalf of the board of directors of the Company, we, the undersigned, hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge that nothing has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Company which may render the interim financial information for the second quarter ended 29 June 2007 to be false or misleading.

On behalf of the board of directors

CHRISTOPHER LAU

THOMAS HELD

Director

Director

Dated this 8 August 2007

### 4. Audit or Review of Figures

The figures have not been audited nor reviewed by our auditors.

### 5. Auditors' Report (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter)

N.A.

### 6. Accounting Policies

Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

Except as disclosed under Note 7(a), the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period compared with the audited financial statements as at 29 December 2006.

# 7.(a) If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, to disclose what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

On 30 December 2006, the Group and the Company early adopted the new or revised Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS"), which are effective for the financial period beginning on or after 1 January 2007. Further, the Group and the Company adopted Interpretations of FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory for application in the current financial year. The 2006 comparatives have been amended where as required, in accordance with the relevant transitional provisions in the respective FRS and INT FRS.

The following are the FRS and INT FRS that are relevant to the Group:

FRS 1 : Presentation of Financial Statements (Capital Disclosures)

FRS 40 : Investment Property

FRS 107 : Financial Instruments: Disclosures

INT FRS 107: Applying the Restatement Approach under FRS 29, Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies

INT FRS 108: Scope of FRS 102, Share-based Payment INT FRS 109: Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives INT FRS 110: Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment

The adoption of the above FRS and INT FRS did not have any significant financial impact on the Group and the Company except as discussed below:

### 1) FRS 1, Presentation of financial statements (Capital disclosures)

The amendment to FRS 1 requires the Group to make new disclosures to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the Group's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

The required disclosures will be made accordingly in the year end financial statements of the Group and the Company.

### 2) FRS 107, Financial instruments: Disclosures

FRS 107 introduces new disclosures to improve the information about financial instruments. It requires the disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information about exposure to risks arising from financial instruments, including specified minimum disclosures about credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, including sensitivity analysis to market risk.

The required disclosures will be made accordingly in the year end financial statements of the Group and the Company.

### 3) FRS 40, Investment property

FRS 40 requires companies to choose to measure investment properties either using the fair value or cost method.

The Group and the Company have elected to measure investment properties under the cost method. Investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Under the transitional provision of FRS 40, net book value of freehold land and buildings of US\$23.1 million has been reclassified from property, plant and equipment to investment properties at 30 December 2006.

### 7.(b) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current period.

8. GROUP YTD 2007 YTD 2006 Q2 2007 Q2 2006

Earnings per ordinary share after deducting any provision for preference dividends

a) Based on the weighted average number

of ordinary shares on issue

9.30 US cts 12.85 US cts

6.36 US cts

4.63 US cts

b) On a fully diluted basis

(detailing any adjustments made to the earnings)

9.21 US cts 12.80 US cts

6.28 US cts 4.61 US cts

### Net Asset Value

		Group			Company	
	29 June 2007	29 Dec 2006	Inc / (Dec)	29 June 2007	29 Dec 2006	Inc / (Dec)
	US\$	US\$	%	US\$	US\$	%
Net Asset Value per ordinary share based on						
issued share capital of the issuer	1.53	1.45	5.52	1,21	1.16	4.31

### 10. Review of the Performance of the Group

YTD 2007 vs YTD 2006
The NOL Group schieved revenue of US\$3.71 billion (YTD 2006; US\$3.52 billion).

Net profit fell 27% year-on-year (YoY) from US\$187.0 million in YTD 2006 to US\$135.8 million in YTD 2007, primarily due to lower liner freight rates at the beginning of the year.

Q2 2007 vs Q2 2006
The NOL Group achieved revenue of US\$1.81 billion (Q2 2006: US\$1.64 billion).

Net profit increased 38% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) from US\$67.5 million in Q2 2006 to US\$93.0 million in Q2 2007, due to improved liner freight rates in selected key trades in Q2 2007.

		YTD 2007 US\$'m	YTD 2006 US\$'m	Q2 2007 US\$'m	Q2 2006 US\$'m
{a}	Revenue				
	Liner	3,089	2,877	1,516	1,341
	Logistics	624	636	299	292
	Others	63	65	28	31
	Elimination	(69)	(58)	(33)	(27)
	Total	3,707	3,520	1,810	1,637
(b)	EBIT				
	Liner	145	200	98	76
	Logistics	26	26	14	10
	Others	5	7	•	2
	Total	176	233	112	88

### Analysis by Business Units (c)

### (i)

YTD 2007 vs YTD 2006
Liner revenue rose 7% year-on-year (YoY) to US\$3.09 billion. Volumes increased 11% YoY, mostly in the Intra-Asia short-sea trade while average revenue per FEU was 2% lower over the previous year, affected by rate pressures in key trade lanes.

EBIT totalled US\$145 million, a 28% YoY decline primarily as a result of lower freight rates.

### Q2 2007 vs Q2 2006

Liner revenue rose 13% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to US\$1.52 billion. Volumes increased 12% QoQ, mostly in the Intra-Asia short-sea trade while average revenue per FEU recovered by 2% as freight rates increased in key trade lanes.

EBIT totalled US\$98 million, a 29% QoQ increase due to rate restoration in key trades, improved volumes, focus on yield management and cost mitigation efforts.

APL Q2 RESULTS 2007 and 2006

Unaudited

	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	Q2 2007	Q2 2006
Load Factors %				
Transpacific Eastbound	93%	94%	93%	91%
Asia-Europe Westbound	100%	97%	100%	99%
Transatiantic Westbound	92%	99%	99%	96%
Intra-Asia Westbound	100%	94%	100%	97%
Asia-Latin America/Mexico Eastbound	97%	100%	100%	100%
Headhaul	97%	95%	98%	95%
Volume (000s FEU)				
Americas				
Transpacific	386	357	186	167
Latin America	83	79	40	37
	469	436	226	204
Europe				
Asia-Europe	213	204	101	96
Transatlantic	62	61	31	28
	275	265	132	124
Asia/Middle East				
Intra-Asia	380	311	184	154
Total Volume 4	1,124	1,012	542	482
Operating Expenses (US\$'m)				
<u>Americas</u>				
Transpacific	1,371	1,260	661	583
Latin America	281	262	134	124
	1,652	1,522	795	707
Europe				
Asia-Europe	552	502	264	243
Transatlantic	183	173	89	83
	735	675	353	326
Asia/Middle East				
Intra-Asia	557	480	270	232
Total Operating Expenses	2,944	2,677	1,418	1,265
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Analysis of Expenses (US\$'m)				
Operating Cost	2,594	2,322	1,244	1,095
General and Administrative	237	246	121	120
Depreciation and Amortisation	112	109	52	50
Others <sup>5</sup>	1	-	1	•
Total Operating Expenses	2,944	2.677	1,418	1,265
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Represents volume recognised from each Bill of Lading upon commencement of shipment on vessels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Others consists of minority interest and share of results of associated companies and joint ventures.

# (c) Analysis by Business Units (continued)

### (ii) Logistics

YTD 2007 vs YTD 2006

APL Logistics recorded revenue of US\$624 million, a 2% decline year-on-year (YoY). Contract Logistics revenue was down 9% YoY, while revenue in International Services increased by 14% on higher volume growth.

EBIT was flat YoY at US\$26 million.

### Q2 2007 vs Q2 2006

APL Logistics recorded revenue of US\$299 million, a 2% increase quarter-on-quarter (QoQ). Contract Logistics revenue was down 6% QoQ while revenue in International Services increased by 19%.

EBIT was US\$4 million higher, at US\$14 million, due to lower costs and improved margins in the Contract Logistics segment.

APLL Q2 RESULTS 2007 and 2006

Unaudited US\$ millions

	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	Q2 2007	Q2 2006
BY REGION				
Revenue				
Americas	402	440	190	198
Europe	89	84	44	40
Asia/Middle East	133	112	65	54
Total Revenue	624	636	299	292
BY BUSINESS SEGMENT			-	
Revenue				
Contract Logistics Services	397	437	186	197
International Services	227	199	113	95
Total Revenue	624	636	299	292
Operating Expenses				
Contract Logistics Services	382	426	177	192
International Services	216	184	108	90
Total Operating Expenses	598	610	285	282
EBIT		·		
Contract Logistics Services	15	11	9	5
International Services	11	15	5	5
Total EBIT	26	26	14	10
Analysis of Expenses				
Operating Cost	499	513	237	238
General and Administrative	92	91	45	42
Depreciation and Amortisation	5	5	2	2
Others <sup>6</sup>	2	1	1	-
Total Operating Expenses	598	610	285	282

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Others consists of minority interest and share of results of associated companies and joint ventures.

11. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

N.A.

12. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the Group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the Group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

Over the course of the first half of this year, we have seen more positive market conditions, resulting in robust volume growth and higher freight rates in key trade lanes.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, we expect this momentum of growth to continue into the second half of the year.

### 13. Dividend

### (a) Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on?

The directors are pleased to recommend an interim tax exempt (one-tier) dividend of 4.00 Singapore cents per share. The recommended interim tax exempt (one-tier) dividend has not been provided for in this financial information. This dividend will be accounted for in the shareholders' equity as an appropriation of FY 2007 profits after income tax in Q3 2007.

Name of dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Amount per share	4.00 Singapore cents
Tax Rate	Tax Exempt (One-tier)
Payment Date	7 September 2007

### (b) Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

Name of dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Amount per share	4.00 Singapore cents
Tax Rate	Tax Exempt (One-tier)
Payment Date	18 September 2006

### (c) Date payable

The interim tax exempt (one-tier) dividend of 4.00 Singapore cents per share will be paid on 7 September 2007.

### (d) Books closure date

Notice is hereby given that the Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 27 August 2007. Registrable Transfers received by the Company's Registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited, 63 Cantonment Road, Singapore 089758, up to 5.00 pm on 24 August 2007 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlement to the dividends.

### (e) If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect.

N.A.

# PART II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR QUARTERLY ANNOUNCEMENT

### 14. Interested Person Transactions

Aggregate value of all transactions conducted under a shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual	YTD 2007 US\$'000	YTD 2006 US\$'000	Q2 2007 US\$'000	Q2 2006 US\$'000
Transactions for the Purchase of Goods and Services				
Keppel Shipyard Limited and its associates	1,090	12,282		12,200
Keppel Telecommunications & Transportation Ltd and its associates	281	219	139	126
PSA Corporation Limited and its associates	73,555	57,743	35,819	26,353
SembCorp Marine Ltd and its associates	620	677	242	677
Singapore Petroleum Company Limited and its associates	5,649	18,254	2,648	8,055
Transactions for the Leasing-in of Assets				
SembCorp Marine Ltd and its associates	2,169	2,051	1,000	959
Transactions for the Sale of Goods and Services				
Keppel Telecommunications & Transportation Ltd and its associates		303	-	121
PSA Corporation Limited and its associates	241	1,018	-	473

The above relates to cumulative value of transactions (inclusive of GST) more than S\$100K.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

MARJORIE WEE AND WONG KIM WAH Company Secretaries

Dated this 8 August 2007



# NOL Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007 Net Profit Up 38%

**Singapore, 8 August 2007:** Global cargo transportation and logistics group Neptune Orient Lines (NOL) today reported a net profit for the second quarter of 2007 (2Q07) of US\$93 million, 38% higher than for the same period in 2006.

The Group's EBIT for 2Q07 was US\$112 million, 27% higher quarter-on-quarter than in the second quarter of 2006 (2Q06).

For the first half of 2007 (1H07), the company reported net profits of US\$136 million (down 27%) and EBIT of US\$176 million (down 24%).

Revenues for 1H07 were up 5% to US\$3.7 billion, and by 11% quarter-on-quarter.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Revenue (US\$m)
EBIT (US\$m)
Net profit (US\$m)

1H07	1H06	Change %
3,707	3,520	5
176	233	(24)
136	187	(27)

2Q	07	2Q06	Change %
1,8	10	1,637	11
11	2	88	27
9:	3	67	38

Announcing the results in Singapore, NOL Group President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr Thomas Held, said: "Quarter-on-quarter, our net profit has risen significantly, which points to a general improvement in market conditions in the liner shipping sector, and to our strong performance and the continuing success of our business model with its focus on service excellence."

In NOL's container shipping business, APL, revenues rose 7% year-to-date, and 13% on a quarter-on-quarter basis. APL carried 1.1 million FEU (forty-foot equivalent unit) in 1H07, which was 11% more cargo than in the same period of last year.

"The double-digit rise in our container volumes and improving rate situation in our key trade lanes led to an improved EBIT performance in the second quarter," said Dr Held.

NOL's supply chain services unit, APL Logistics, recorded a 2% improvement in revenues quarter-on-quarter, while year-to-date sales were down 2%.

"We have made progress with the realignment of the logistics business. This has been driven by new business wins, the launch of new products and a general increase in demand for logistics services in our key market segments," said Dr Held.

NOL is on target with its cost mitigation plan and will continue its successful focus on productivity improvements. For 1H07, overall costs per FEU improved by around 1% over the same period of 2006. This was achieved during a period when APL's overall fleet capacity grew by 11%, with headhaul ultilisation increasing to 98%.

"Our ongoing drive for cost leadership has seen us make significant productivity and efficiency enhancements, which will ensure we can continue to provide the same high standards of service to our customers into the future," said Dr Held.

# **GROWTH INITIATIVES**

In the second quarter, NOL introduced a number of new growth initiatives.

In Liner, orders have been placed for eight high-speed, 10,000 TEU container ships to be deployed in the Asia-Europe trade. This complements the earlier announcement of a charter arrangement for five new 7,000 TEU vessels for deployment in the Transpacific trade. APL also successfully launched a new Suez Express service, connecting South East Asia and the Indian Subcontinent with the US East Coast via the Suez Canal, which is the industry's fastest alternative to the Panama Canal.

NOL continued to enhance its global terminal network – with expansion underway in Vietnam and on the US West Coast. A major new investment is planned at Maasvlakte 2 in the Port of Rotterdam. NOL is part of a consortium, also comprising Hyundai Merchant Marine, Mitsui OSK Lines, DP World and CMA CGM, which has been awarded the concession for the first container terminal to be developed at Maasvlakte 2. The 156-hectare terminal will have a capacity of around 4 million TEU and is expected to be operational in 2013.

In Logistics, innovative new products and services have been brought to market. Our successful OceanGuaranteed<sup>SM</sup> less than container load service will soon be complemented by a full container load product that provides time-definite delivery times.

The APL IndiaLinx<sup>™</sup> container freight rail service has been running at near full capacity since its launch in June. By the end of the year, more trains and round trips will be added serving additional locations.

NOL Chairman Mr Cheng Wai Keung added: "These investments in new capabilities and facilities are in line with our commitment to a strategy of profitable growth and innovation which creates long-term value for our customers and our shareholders."

# INTERIM DIVIDEND

The NOL Board of Directors has recommended an interim tax-exempt (one-tier) dividend of 4 Singapore cents per share to be paid on 7 September 2007 to the shareholders whose names appear on the Company's share register at close of business on 24 August 2007.

# OUTLOOK

Over the course of the first half of this year, we have seen more positive market conditions, resulting in robust volume growth and higher freight rates in key trade lanes.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, we expect this momentum of growth to continue into the second half of the year.

# **OPERATING PERFORMANCE (2Q07 vs 2Q06)**

# Liner

- Revenues were 13% higher at US\$1.52 billion
- 2% increase in average revenues per FEU
- 12% growth in total container volumes, reflecting positive demand across all key trade routes
- Liner network capacity increased by 11%, due primarily to the introduction of new vessels and services
- Headhaul utilisation averaged 98%, compared to 95% in the second quarter of 2006
- EBIT of US\$98 million, up 29%
- EBIT Margin of 6.5%
- Overall costs per FEU were flat

# Logistics

- Revenues were 2% higher at US\$299 million
- · Strong Consolidation and Ocean Forwarding volumes
- · Contract Logistics margins improved despite lower revenues
- Asia-Middle East region continues to register strongest year-on-year growth
- OceanGuaranteed<sup>SM</sup> volumes continue to outpace forecasts
- APL IndiaLinx™ began train operations in June 2007
- New full container load, time-definite product to be launched
- EBIT of US\$14 million, up US\$4 million
- EBIT Margin of 4.7%

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# **About NOL**



NOL is a Singapore-based global cargo transportation and logistics company. Its container transportation arm, APL, provides customers around the world with container transportation services that combine high quality inter-modal operations with state-of-the-art information technology. Its supply chain services arm, APL Logistics, provides international, end-to-end logistics services and solutions, employing the latest IT and data connectivity for maximum supply chain visibility and control. NOL Web site: <a href="www.nol.com.sg">www.nol.com.sg</a>

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